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Election of Superintendent

On February 17th the trustees of the North Carolina school for the Feeble-minded will elect a superintendent for the institution and presumably take immediate steps for its opening.

We hope that the trustees will make no mistake in the performance of this important task. A large amount of money has been invested in the plant and from its operation the state should receive a large benefit. This benefit it will receive if the trust is administered wisely and beneficently. The good of the institution and its efficiency in serving the State of North Carolina are the considerations that ought to weigh in the election of the superintendent and the shaping of the future course of the institution.

With the right man as superintendent and the adoption of a policy of helpfulness the institution will be the leading one of its kind in the South and one of the largest public institutions in the State.

The plant has been erected thus far under the management of the present superintendent, Dr. Ira M. Hardy. Dr. Hardy has devoted much study to the plans and has been careful in his efforts to give the State the very best equipment possible for the purpose proposed. Besides giving the subject much thought he has spent considerable money of his personal funds in informing himself along the lines projected. We would be glad to see him retained as superintendent. His heart is in the work and that will mean much in making it a success. His sympathies have for many years been with the large class of unfortunates for whom the school has been provided, and he has given unstintingly of his time and ability to prepare a worthy equipment for them.

It is not only the right, but the duty of the trustees to provide for the best interests of the institution. But we do not believe this can be done more effectively than by returning Dr. Hardy to the superintendency. —Kinston-Free Press.

Oak City Items.

Ralph J. House, J. W. and B. L. Hines married at Williamston Saturday.

H. S. Everett spent Friday night in Williamston.

J. J. Pined was in Williamston Saturday.

Mrs. Lewis Johnson spent Friday night in Williamston.

Oscar Daniels and bride, from Robinsonville, spent Saturday and Sunday with the families of H. S. Everett and John Daniels.

The dance given Friday night by the usual club was well attended by a select crowd.

Pat Davenport, Frank Gladstone and Charley Perkins motored from Hamilton Sunday.

Geo. Daniels and Jesse Crisp went to Robinsonville Sunday.

Miss Geraldine Burnett, of Rocky Mount, is the guest of Misses Pearl and Jefferson House.

Miss Marjorie Barrett has returned from Farmville.

J. O. Hobbs, of Williamston, was in town Sunday.

Mrs. Blanch Hardison, of Norfolk, is visiting her father Mr. Jas. Council.

John E. Council left for Norfolk Monday.

Miss Malissa Worsley spent Monday in Scotland Neck.

Miss Cora Lee, of Hobgood, attended the dance Friday night and was the guest of Misses Pearl and Jefferson House.

Richard House, of Scotland Neck, was the guest of the Misses House Friday.

Fann and Robt. Everett were in town Sunday.

Solomon and Lonnie Mitchell, of Speed, were here Friday.

Miss Ophelia Savage, of Speed, is visiting Mrs. Susie Burnett.

Walter Wesley spent Sunday at home.

Gus Lynch, a colored man from Bethel, was knocked down and badly cut on the head and arms Saturday night by Jonas Savage, a negro of near here, who also relieved his victim of about \$24.00. The officers have been unable to capture the culprit.

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Our Lyceum Course

Our Lyceum Course which the Trustees and school have secured for this season will appear soon, and take place in the School Auditorium. Unfortunately Dr. Frank Dixon's Lecture was postponed on account of the serious illness of his son, unless he should improve rapidly so that he can fill his date on Feb. 20th. The Alkalest Artists will render their program, largely musical, March 12th, and the Ithaca Conservatory Trio will be with us on April the 4th. The program of the latter will be musical together with two short sketches, "Man Proposes" and "The School for Scandal." Both of these numbers are highly recommended and we hope will be well patronized by our people. The two remaining numbers will be announced just as soon as we are given definite dates. The purpose of our Lyceum course is twofold. In the first place we want to give to the public a series of first class entertainments at a cost so low that no one can afford to miss them. In the second place we want to apply the surplus proceeds towards paying for a program clock and establishing a Library in our school. The clock is already installed and we would be pleased to have our patrons come to see it. It is not only an ornament of which we feel proud, but the most ingenious invention for economizing time and teaching both teachers and pupils to be on time that can be devised. It will greatly aid in teaching the importance of punctuality the necessity of which can not be emphasized too much at this present day and time. Come and see the clock. Buy your season tickets from the pupils and patronize this worthy cause.

Pastors and advertising matter will be displayed in due time.

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Mr. Gattis has extensive experience along this line, and prior to severing his connection with the Seaboard, worked up and personally conducted large parties successfully to many points of interest in the United States, Canada and Cuba, and this success is proof of his equipment for the work, for which there is a large field in the South.

The Bureau's work will be to make complete plans for all kinds of expensive tours throughout the country for the convenience of tourists and pleasure seekers, with trips for individuals, families and private parties, with all details worked out, the Bureau to have on hand maps, schedules, and full information as to tours throughout the world, which will be available to all. Mr. Gattis plans to personally conduct all large tours, and these will be chaperoned by Mrs. Gattis, the social feature of the tours to be emphasized.

Already Mr. Gattis is arranging to take a party through Florida and Cuba in March, one to Washington at Easter, through the Eastern cities and Canada this summer and to the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco next year.

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Mrs. Sam Brown

Again have we been called upon to submit to the decree of Divine providence, the sad messenger of death entering our home on the early morning hours of February 2nd, and conveying the spirit of our mother to its heavenly home. And she was ready when the summons came. For days she had been praying to die, wishing to join her husband who had preceded her on December 25th, 1913. She was very sick from the first and there was little hope for her life after the first few days, but we were encouraged just a little three or four days before the end came as she was much brighter.

Loving hands of children, nurse and physician endeavored to alleviate suffering as much as possible but at no time during her fatal illness did she seem to be free from intense pain. Unconsciousness preceded death several hours, but in her conscious moments she had prayed much and resigned her soul to the all merciful one. Several days prior to her death she sang so that we could understand many of those old familiar church hymns that have carried many noble saints trustfully and happily over the dark river in days gone by. In this condition she seemed to be perfectly happy. Her faith and confidence was as simple as a child's.

Mrs. Brown was Miss Mary Louise Wood, of Halifax county, and married Mr. Brown in August after the close of the war in 1865. On the morning of her death she was nearly sixty-six years of age. She was a consistent christian, many years of her life and showed always her devotion in all the ways she could, and though environed closely by circumstance, she was able to let her light shine and her friends ever knew just where she stood. She joined Quaker chapel over thirty years ago being baptized by Rev. A. G. Wilcox when that church was in its infancy. She then lent what aid she could to pastor and church. Mrs. Brown was though always frail in body, strong in character, and very positive and decided in opinions. She possessed unusually good judgment and displayed her capacity for service in the many acts of her long useful, eventful and busy life. She was a loyal, devoted and true and loving helpmate to him whom she chose for a life companion, and though both of them had embarrassing and painful experiences their attachment seemed even more secure and love for each other seemed to abate not one whit. Love of children was a part of her life most beautiful to see, and though many came to her home, all received that care, attention and love that made the greatest sacrifices on her part a small thing in its general summing up.

There are two brothers who survive her: Mr. George Wood, of Washington, D. C., and Mr. Henry Wood of Hampton, Va. There are two sisters: Mrs. A. H. Green of Halifax county and Mrs. Sally Stamper of Scotland Neck. She leaves the following sons: S. T. Brown, Troy, N. C., R. L. Brown, Vaughns, N. C., John F. Brown, Selma, N. C. and the following daughters: Mrs. T. G. King, Rocky Mount, N. C., Mrs. S. T. Currin, South Boston, Va., Mrs. G. H. Moore, Pittsburgh, Pa., Mrs. E. R. Creel, Aberdeen, N. C., Mrs. Willis Smith, Rosemary, and W. F. Coppedge, Halifax, N. C.

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